

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A method for operating a vending machine, whereby goods can be arranged in storage compartments and can be subsequently removed therefrom. Offer-related data are captured in a central data processing unit, whereby matching offers are associated with identical offer identification codes such that offer identification codes are transmitted to a plurality of electronic vending machines, and storage compartments which are provided for the distribution of goods are stocked with goods, and offer identification codes associated with the goods are captured. A vending system including a plurality of vending machines, and individual vending machines for carrying out the method, are disclosed.